(c) how Government propose to liquidate the stocks of unsold watches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The total number of watches in stock in trade as on 31.3.94 was 18.78 lakhs.

(b) The reasons for declining sales are change in demand pattern in intense competition.

(c) During the last year HMT has taken several measures to liquidate slow moving watches through various incentives and schemes, and increased marketing efforts.

New guidelines for implementation of watershed development programme

*271. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of new guidelines for implementation of Watershed Development Programme in drought prone/desert areas;

(b) whether these guidelines provide for the integration of funds earmarked for Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) with the Watershed Development Projects, for the disbursement of funds for watershed projects through the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), for the watershed development funds to be routed through the water users association and watershed development committee formed specially for the purpose of project implementation;

(c) whether these guidelines also provide for any role for the Panchayats to be constituted under Article 243-B of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act of 1992 on the Panchayats, for any mechanism for the reservation of water conserved for the landless, for their productive and consumption requirements and for any mechanism for the reservation of water saved for the purpose of domestic water use, establishment of common nursaries and trees; and

(d) if so, the other salient features of the new guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d) New Guidelines for implementation of watershed Development Programme are under formulation and are yet to be finalised.

Land reform laws

*272. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land reforms laws enacted by Government have not proved to be successful;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what targets were set for land reforms by the Central Government for the last year and what progress has been made in respect of each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) 1. Land being a State subject the responsibility of implementation of land reforms lies with the State Government. The Government of India only exercises a coordinative and advisory role. However, it is not correct to say that land reforms laws have not proved to be successful. Considerable progress has been made in the field which is corroboted from the following facts:—

(i) Programme for abolition of ex-intermediary interests was implemented in 1950s in respect of more than 40 per cent and area of the country. As a consequence of this, 20 million cultivators were brought into direct contact with the State. An estimated six million hactares of waste, fallow and other classes of land vested in the State.

(ii) Tenancy reforms have led to conferment of ownership rights or to protection against eviction to 112.13 lakh cultivators in respect of about 153.32 lakh acres of land.

(iii) Under the ceiling programme, 73.51 lakh acres of land have been declared surplus of which 50.58 lakh acres have been distributed to 48.88 lakh beneficiaries mostly belonging to the weaker sections.

(iv) Most states have enacted legislations for consolidation of holdings either on compulsory or on voluntary basis leading to consolidation of 1528.76 lakh acres of land.

(v) Surveys for updating of land records are being done in a number of States.

(vi) Computerisation of land records projects have been taken up to enable the land holders to get an updated copy of their record of rights quickly and at a cheaper rate. In all 60 Projects are in various stages of implementation.

(vii) Land reforms is a multi-facet programme. States have achieved different levels f success in different programmes.

2. It is not possible to fix the targets for various land reform programmes. However, annual targets for distribution of ceiling surplus land are fixed under point no. 5 of Twenty point Programme. The targets for the last year 1993-94 were fixed at 598563 acres. The achievements reported were at 70887 acres.

). The Government of India periodically reviews implementation of land reforms in the States. In the Conference of Revenue Ministers of States held in March, 1992 at New Delhi, the States have undertaken to speed up distribution of ceiling surplus land.

नलकूप लगाने हेतु ड्रिलिंग उपकरणों के लिए धनराशि

*273. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश ने राज्य को धसकने वाली भूमि में नलकूप लगाने के लिये ड्रिलिंग करने और पठारी क्षेत्रों में गहराई तक ड्रिलिंग करने हेतु हाई प्रेशर डीप ड्रिलिंग काम्बिनेशन रिंग और हाइड्रोफ्रेक्चरिंग मशीनें खरीदने के लिये धनराशि की मांग की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो भारत सरकार द्वारा उक्त प्रस्ताव को अब तक स्वीकृति न दिये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस प्रस्ताव को कब तक स्वीकृति दे दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तम भाई पटेल) : **नलकूप लगाने हेत ड्रिलिंग (उपकरणों के लिए धनराशि** (क) से (ग) मध्यप्रदेश सरकार से 470.30 लाख रुपये की अनुमानित लागत पर 1161 डीप ड्रिलिंग कम्बीनेशन रिग्स तथा दो हाइड्रोफ्रेक्चरिंग यूनिटों की खरीद के लिये एक प्रस्ताव सितम्बर, 1993 में प्राप्त हुआ था। राज्य सरकार ने कहा था कि यह 100 लाख रुपये अपनी निधियों से जुटायेगी तथा उन्होंने शेष राशि के लिये केन्द्रीय सहायता मांगी थी । प्रस्ताव को तकनीकी पहलुओं से जांच की गई थी और नवम्बर, 1993 में राज्य सरकार से विद्यमान रिगो/हाइड्रोफ्रैक्चरिंग यूनिटों, आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान ड्रिल किये जाने वाले कुल नलकूपों, संभावित हाइड्रोफ्रैक्चर किये जाने वाले नलकूपों के ब्यौरे और कुछ अन्य तकनीकी स्पष्टीकरण मांगे गये थे । राज्य सरकार से उत्तर प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है । पूरे ब्यौरों के साथ प्रस्ताव प्राप्त होने पर इसे स्वीकृत करने हेतु केन्द्रीय भू-जल बोर्ड से परामर्श करके इसकी जांच की जायेगी ।